# NCI CONNECTS

## <u>Committee</u> <u>ON</u> <u>N</u>CI-<u>E</u>xtramural <u>Communication</u> <u>T</u>ools and <u>S</u>upport

New Grantee Workshop

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### Welcome and Introductions



### Scott Rogers, MPH

Epidemiology and Genomics Research Program (EGRP)



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Behavioral Research Program (BRP)



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## **CONNECTS** Membership

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## Background



## Why a Committee on NCI-Extramural Communication?

- Founded in 2020 by former Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences (DCCPS) Director, Bob Croyle
- Focused on developing a suite of activities aimed at promoting exceptional levels of staff and investigator engagement
- Goal is to enhance satisfaction with NCI's grant-related communication and outreach policies, practices, and tools



## **CONNECTS** Focus

To accomplish our mission, CONNECTS is focused on:

- 1. Developing methods for assessing satisfaction with, and ways to improve, DCCPS communication practices, grant policy dissemination efforts, and related resources and tools among both the NCI-supported extramural investigator community and program directors (PDs)/analysts who communicate with grantees.
- 2. Optimizing and developing new policies, procedures, tools, and resources that respond to extramural scientists' and program directors' feedback.
- 3. Periodically assessing satisfaction, eliciting feedback, and responding with changes to **promote and maintain exceptional levels of engagement, satisfaction, and customer service** that meet the needs of both NCI's investigator community and program directors.

## Short- and Long-term Goals for CONNECTS

- Collect feedback from investigators about their needs.
- Improve the understanding of the different grant mechanisms, processes, and roles and responsibilities of those involved.
- Increase the transparency around the grants process and what makes for a successful application.
- Advance racial equity and social justice in cancer care and research by supporting the ongoing efforts across DCCPS.
- Conduct trainings for the extramural community and staff and record them for on-demand viewing.
- Enhance the websites to make information easier to find and more accessible.

## **CONNECTS** Activities



### **Completed Activities**

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### Key Contacts and Steps in the Grant Funding Process

Sometimes the hardest part of any effort is getting started. That's why we developed this document to help researchers prepare their application for submission and to offer resources to assist them through to award and closeout.

Here are the best people to contact at different stages of the process. Start planning early for your submission. Begin your preparation at least a year from idea conception to application submission.

### DCCPS PROGRAM DIRECTOR

SCIENTIFIC REVIEW OFFICER

Before applying, contact a DCCPS program director to ask about: DCCPS funding opportunities. initiatives and programs Resources available from NIH/NCI Eligibility mechanisms and requirements for funding Information on policies or quidelines Priority areas for an institute, program, or branch

### Discuss with a Scientific Review Officer Specific expertise for review of your application Ways to avoid reviewer assignment conflicts Information about post-submission materials Revised budget page(s) Biographical sketches for changes in key personnel · Additional letters of support News of an article accepted for publication

since submission

### ADA HELD DESK

Contact the electronic Research Administration (eRA) Help Desk at era.nih.gov to ask about: Submitting the online application Managing information on the eRA Commons

### FIND THE RIGHT PROGRAM DIRECTOR

- Determine which program best relates to your project interests and contact the program director BEHAVIORAL RESEARCH PROGRAM | staffprofiles.cancer.gov/brp/prgmStaffHome.do EPIDEMIOLOGY AND GENOMICS RESEARCH PROGRAM | epigrants cancer gov/staff HEALTHCARE DELIVERY RESEARCH PROGRAM | healthcaredelivery cancer gov/about/staff IMPLEMENTATION SCIENCE | cancercontrol cancer.gov/S/staff.html SURVEILLANCE RESEARCH PROGRAM | surveillance.cancer.gov/about/staff.html
- OFFICE OF CANCER SURVIVORSHIP | cancercontrol cancer gov/ocs/about/staff.html

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Are you a researcher with an idea you would like to develop, potentially with funding from @NCICancerCtrl? Visit go.nih.gov/jvEdRil to find resources on the NIH grant application process, including application tips, forms, and instructions.



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### How to Talk to an NCI Program Director to Begin Your Funding Application Preparation







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### NIH) NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE Program Project Grant (P01) Process

The P01 grant supports multidisciplinary or multi-project research programs with a strong central theme and mered plant support macassisphility of materials provide the second seco cess and timeline to assist investigators with developing a P01 application, submission, review, selection for funding or a resubmission.

Learn more about the application process and contacting NCI program directors and officers.

### KEY EFATURES OF A DESEARCH REOCRAM REQUECT (R01)

A P01 multi-project application leverages integration and synergy to address aims that could not be accomplished a fully developed research plan, and a separate budget. However, each project in a P01 takes place in the broader ment of the overall program goals. A program project application may include shared resource cores that provide administrative, laboratory and/or clinical facilities, equipment, and/or services to be shared by two or more projects

### INTEGRATION AND SYNERGY

 The POI application should be viewed as a confederation of interrelated and complementary research projects that demonstrate synergy, which is one of its key defining features. follows: While each project should be capable of standing on its own scientific merit, the combined

Examples of synergy include, but are not limited to the following: Sharing preliminary data, samples, reagent pathogens, human subject populat

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technologies, research approaches, data management/analytical tools, and model organisms, which may impact the direction of science and

### Before You Apply CONTACT A PROGRAM DIRECTOR

ways email the PD first to discuss your scientific proposal. Those who do not already have an assigned PD are invited to review information about staff in the various DCCPS programs to identify PDs with related scientific responsibilities. Send the PD a one- to two-page summary of your program project in advance of the call.

During the initial call the PD will discuss whether the PDI is the correct mechanism for the proposed project, the in of the research projects within a P01, budge recommendations, and the timeline and next steps for a presubmission meeting

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Calling all researchers interested in @theNCI #GrantFunding. Check out our new fact sheet to learn how to prepare a strong P01 multi-project grant application. Learn more about this unique funding mechanism and the presubmission process here: go.nih.gov/OMSwLN5







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### Investigators Planning to Submit a Program Project Grant (P01) (DCCPS Guidance)

Home / Funding Opportunities / How to Apply / Investigators Planning to Submit a Program Project Grant (PD1) (DCCPS Guidance)

Program Project (P series) grants support broadly based, multidisciplinary research programs that have a major scientific objective or basic theme. A program project grant generally involves the organized efforts of relatively large teams, members of which are conducting research projects designed to expound the various components of this objective. A unique feature of the P01 process is that it requires both a pre-submission meeting and an Awaiting Receipt of Application (ARA). Investigators planning to submit a P01 should follow the process outlined below. All NCI P01 applications must be submitted through the active NCI Program Project Applications funding announcement (PAR-23-059).

### Read more about the program project grant mechanism and how to View the P01

factsheet

### **Resources Coming Soon**





### Informative DCCPS Funding-Related Webpages

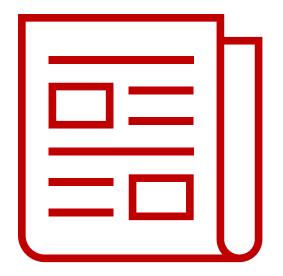
- Awaiting Receipt of Application (ARA) Webpage
- Administrative Supplements

Other Funding Mechanism Resources

- R15 Fact Sheet and Webpage
- R50 Fact Sheet and Webpage

### **Future Activities**

- R37 and Merit Extension Webpages
- Fact Sheets and Website resources for other funding mechanisms beyond R01
- Additional topics identified through an extramural engagement survey



## **Engagement Survey**

## 2024 CONNECTS Engagement Survey

The purpose of the survey is to understand how DCCPS can:

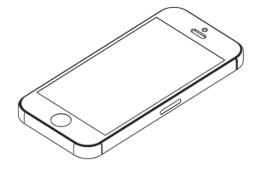
- 1. Increase the diversity of extramural grantees, both in the applicant pool and the diversity of those granted funding
- 2. Enhance engagement (e.g., awareness and knowledge of and relationship with DCCPS and grant funding mechanisms, trainings, and scientific information)
- 3. Maximize resources to enhance the products and efforts CONNECTS undertakes

## **Engagement Survey**

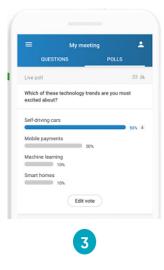
### We will need your participation!

- Survey will be widely distributed through DCCPS listservs, on social media, and more
- Will open for responses in early 2024
- Complete the survey and share with colleagues who hold or are interested in pursuing NCI funding

## **Engagement and Discussion**







Grab your phone

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Scan the QR code or join at slido.com #1562 418

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Engage and contribute with colleagues









## Have you used DCCPS tools and resources for applying for grants? If so, what has been helpful?





When you were applying for your R01 or R37 award, what questions did you have or supports did you need?

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As a new grantee, looking towards the next 5 years, what are resources and tools you would find helpful to support the management of your grant?

## THANK YOU and Let's Stay Connected!

Questions? Suggestions? Contact: April Oh
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